

## THE CHALLENGE:

There are 1.35 million children who are homeless in our country; more than half are under the age of six. Children and families are the largest and fastest growing part of the homeless population.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Attend the Young Children Without Homes National Conference.

This Conference will focus on:

- the importance of quality early care and education in the lives of young homeless children
- cross-systems training
- networking and collaboration locally and nationally
- strategies and solutions

## WHEN:

April 27-29, 2005

## WHERE:

Boston Marriott Newton,  
Newton, Massachusetts

## WHO'S INVITED?

- providers of early care and education services
- providers of homeless services
- health professionals
- pre-school teachers/administrators
- homeless education liaisons
- Head Start providers
- social workers
- Early Intervention specialists
- policymakers
- legislators and more!

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# Young Children Without Homes *National Conference*



**HORIZONS FOR  
HOMELESS CHILDREN**

# HORIZONS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN'S MISSION

*The mission of Horizons for Homeless Children is to improve the lives of homeless children and their families. We provide homeless children in Massachusetts with the nurturing, stimulation and opportunities for early education and play that all children need to learn and grow in healthy ways. To improve the lives of the children we serve over the long term, we connect their parents with the tools they need to achieve social and economic self-sufficiency. We provide leadership in advocating for homeless children and their families through leveraging and sharing our expertise with others and advocating with policy makers and the public.*

## CONFERENCE PARTNERS

**The following partners have been involved in planning and developing the conference.**

Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD)  
Administration for Children and Families  
Boston Health Care for the Homeless  
Bright Horizons Foundation for Children  
Center for Social Policy, McCormack Institute Graduate School, University of  
Massachusetts Boston  
Communities United, Inc.  
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Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund  
Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless  
Massachusetts Department of Education  
Massachusetts Head Start–State Collaboration Project  
Massachusetts Head Start Association  
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children  
National Alliance to End Homelessness  
National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth  
National Center on Family Homelessness  
National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty  
National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness  
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Wheelock College  
Wheelock Graduate School of Social Work  
Worcester Child Development Head Start Program  
University of Massachusetts, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health  
United Way of Massachusetts Bay

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Massachusetts Head Start–State Collaboration Project  
Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services  
Wheelock College

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Dear Friends,

I am excited to invite you to attend the ***Young Children Without Homes National Conference***. This conference will bring together many individuals and agencies from different disciplines, and from across the country with the goal of focusing our efforts on improving the lives of young homeless children birth to six and their families. We have more than 50 workshops to choose from and many terrific speakers!

Children and families are the largest and fastest growing segment of the homeless population today. There are approximately 1.35 million children who are homeless each year and half are under the age of six. It is by coming together, sharing information and strategies and raising awareness that we can make a positive difference in the lives of these children and families.

This conference will focus on:

- *The importance of quality early care and education in the lives of young homeless children*
- *Cross-systems training*
- *Networking and collaboration locally and nationally*
- *Strategies and solutions*

Many dedicated and energetic partners have helped to plan this conference and I thank them for all of their hard work. I strongly encourage you to register for this conference. As a plus, you will have the opportunity to enjoy Boston in the spring!

I look forward to seeing you at the Young Children Without Homes National Conference in April!

Sincerely,



**Sue Heilman**

*Executive Director*

Horizons for Homeless Children

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April 27-29, 2005  
Newton, Massachusetts

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# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Ellen Bassuk, M.D.**

President, National Center on Family Homelessness



**Michael E. Capuano**

Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives



**Marijata C. Daniel-Echols, Ph.D.**

Chair, Research Division,  
High/Scope Educational Research Foundation



**Kerry Healey**

Lieutenant Governor, Massachusetts  
*(Invited Speaker)*



**Windy M. Hill**

Associate Commissioner for Head Start Bureau  
*(Invited Speaker)*

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## FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Thomas M. Menino**

Mayor, City of Boston



**Ralph Nunez, Ph.D.**

President and Chief Executive Officer,  
Homes for the Homeless/Institute for Children and Poverty



**Jack P. Shonkoff, M.D.**

Dean of The Heller School for Social Policy and Management  
at Brandeis University

## PANEL DISCUSSION

We will be hosting a panel of Foundations to share information about work in the area of child and family homelessness, as well as a panel of Federal Officials to share information about federal policies and initiatives impacting homeless children and families.

Federal panel includes:

**Hugh F. Galligan**

Regional Administrator, Region 1, Administration for Children and Families

**Philip F. Mangano**

Executive Director, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness  
(*Invited Speaker*)

Foundation panel includes:

**Valora Washington**

Director of the Center for Children, Families and Public Policy at  
Lesley University (*Foundation Panel Moderator*)

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# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

*(Please note that some times may change.)*

## **WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2005**

12:00-4:00 p.m.

*Registration*

1:00-4:00 p.m.

*Pre-Conference Sessions*

## **THURSDAY, April 28, 2005**

8:00-10:00 a.m.

*Registration*

7:30-8:45 a.m.

*Breakfast*

9:00-10:00 a.m.

*Opening Session*

*Keynote Speaker*

10:15-11:45 a.m.

*Workshop A*

12:00-1:15 p.m.

*Lunch/Speakers*

1:30-2:45 p.m.

*Workshop B*

3:00-4:30 p.m.

*Workshop C*

5:30-7:00 p.m.

*Evening Session/Speaker*

## **FRIDAY, April 29, 2005**

8:00-10:00 a.m.

*Registration*

7:00-8:00 a.m.

*Breakfast*

8:00-9:00 a.m.

*Plenary Session*

9:15-10:45 a.m.

*Workshop D*

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

*Workshop E*

12:30-1:30 p.m.

*Lunch/Speaker*

1:45-3:30 p.m.

*Workshop F*



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# PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS



**Wednesday, April 27, 2005**  
**1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

## **Accessing Early Care and Education Services for Young Homeless Children: Programs, Policy and Collaboration**

*Presenters: **Barbara Duffield**, Policy Director, National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth, Washington, DC; **Joanne Miro**, Education Associate, Delaware Department of Education, Dover, DE; **Beth Snyder**, Anchorage School District/Child in Transition Homeless Program, Anchorage, AK; **Grace Whitney**, Director, Connecticut Head Start State Collaboration Project, Commissioner's Office/Department of Social Services, Hartford, CT.*

This 3 hour Pre-Conference session is critical for those interested in ensuring that young homeless children receive quality early care and education services. We will discuss the landscape of early care and education in our country, how homelessness impacts young children; the importance of quality care; and learn about collaborative models of care across systems.

## **Advocacy to End Family Homelessness: Utilizing the Parent Voice in Public Policy and Social Change**

*Presenter: **Stephanie Brown**, Executive Director, Homes for Families, Boston, MA.*

In order to end child and family homelessness, our social climate and public policies must change. The voice and experience of homeless parents is vital to the creation of responsible, useful policies and programs. This Pre-Conference session will help providers, educators and advocates create real partnerships with parents to make lasting change.

## **Creating Opportunities for Success: Working with Trauma Survivors and Their Children in the Shelter Setting**

*Presenters: **Joanne Nicholson**, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts Medical School, Department of Psychiatry and Family Medicine; **Linda Weinreb**, M.D., Vice Chair and Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA.*

This Pre-Conference session will focus on the experiences of homeless children and families when mothers have histories of childhood or adulthood victimization, mental health problems, and substance abuse.

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# WORKSHOPS

THEME:

## **Impact of Homelessness On Young Children Birth to Age Six**

Child Development: Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers  
Early Care & Education  
Health and Mental Health  
Poverty/At-Risk  
Violence & Trauma



### **Selected Workshop Descriptions:**

#### **Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Young Children Who Are Homeless**

*Presenter: Dawn Jahn Moses, Director of Public Education and Policy, National Center on Family Homelessness, Newton, MA.*

#### **Children Under Stress: The Importance of Early Identification of Social and Emotional Difficulties in Preschool Children and Responsive Approaches**

*Presenter: Beth Snyder, Anchorage School District/Child in Transition Homeless Program, Anchorage, AK.*

#### **Teaching and Working with Homeless Children and Families in Violent Times: Risk Factors, Impacts, and What You Can Do**

*Presenter: Diane Levin, Professor of Education, Wheelock College, Boston, MA.*

#### **Young Homeless Children and Families: How Can We Help?**

*Presenter: Karin Elliott, Director of Training and Technical Assistance, Horizons for Homeless Children, Dorchester, MA.*

#### **What Is Happening to My World: Helping Children Through Crisis or Chaos**

*Presenter: Jim Greenman, Vice President, Education and Program Development, Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Minneapolis, MN.*

#### **Understanding Loss: Working with Families in Homeless Shelters**

*Presenter: Michelle Rae Padden, Clinical Supervisor, Communities United, Inc. and Janelle Pepin, Social Worker, Communities United, Inc., Waltham, MA.*

#### **Health Care Disparities for Homeless Children ages Birth to 6 years old.**

*Presenter: Janice John, Physician Assistant, Boston Health Care for the Homeless, Boston, MA.*

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**THEME:**

## **Best Practices: How Can We Help?**

Assessments

Cross-Systems Collaborations

Fatherhood Programs

Parenting Support & Education

Prevention of Homelessness

Strategies for Creating Supportive Environments in Shelters  
and in Early Care and Education Settings

Supporting Transitions into Permanent Housing and Community



### **Selected Workshop Descriptions:**

#### **Highlighting Head Start: How Head Start Supports Young Homeless Children and Families**

*Presenter: **Grace Whitney**, Director, CT Head Start State Collaboration Project, Commissioner's Office/Department of Social Services, Hartford, CT.*

#### **Addressing the Needs of Children in Homeless Shelters: A Collaborative Approach**

*Presenter: **Gloria Guard**, President, People's Emergency Center, Philadelphia, PA.*

#### **Building a Community of Learning for Homeless Children and Their Families**

*Presenter: **Laura Caruso**, Vice President, Homes for the Homeless, New York, NY.*

#### **Homelessness and Head Start: Increasing Access to Services Through Collaboration**

*Presenters: **Christina Dukes**, Program Specialist, National Center for Homeless Education at SERVE, Naples, FL, and **Jean Maloney**, Early Childhood Specialist, Project Connect/Cincinnati Public Schools, Cincinnati, OH.*

#### **How Can We Best Help Children in the Shelter Setting?**

*Presenters: **Anne Hicks-Coolick**, Associate Professor of Social Work, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, and **Patricia Burnside-Eaton**, Professional Consultant on Homelessness and Human Services, B-E Enterprises, Acworth, GA.*

#### **Integrating Systemic Support for Homeless Victims of Domestic Violence and Their Children**

*Presenters: **Janet Fender**, Director, Domestic Violence Unit, and **Dawn Devereaux**, Domestic Violence Specialist, Department of Transitional Assistance, Boston, MA.*

#### **Learning With Literature: The Shepherd's Door Model**

*Presenter: **Heidi Wooten**, Director of Children's Programming, Shepherd's Door Shelter for Homeless Women and Children, Portland, OR.*

#### **Mental Health and Substance Abuse: Parenting Issues While Homeless**

*Presenters: **Terri Bogage**, Family and Children's Services Coordinator, and **Cheryl Kennedy**, Assistant Director, Institute for Health and Recovery, Cambridge, MA.*

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THEME:

## **Current Policies: Impacts on Child and Family Homelessness**

Homeless: Housing & Urban Development

Legal Issues

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

Reauthorizations (e.g., IDEA, Head Start, TANF)

Research



### **Selected Workshop Descriptions:**

#### **Expanding Your Circle: Creating Policy Change Through Collaboration**

*Presenter: **Joy Moses**, Staff Attorney, National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, Washington, DC.*

#### **Getting a Seat at the Table: How to Access HUD Continuums of Care**

*Presenter: **Brad Paul**, Executive Director, National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness; Washington, DC.*

#### **Current Research on Family Homelessness and Its Implications for Practice**

*Presenter: **Dawn Jahn Moses**, Director of Public Education and Policy, National Center on Family Homelessness, Newton, MA.*

#### **Legislative Update: Pending Federal Legislation Impacting Young Children Without Homes**

*Presenters: **Ed Cameron**, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, Horizons for Homeless Children, Dorchester, MA; **Barbara Duffield**, Policy Director, National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth, Washington, DC; **Brad Paul**, Executive Director, National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness; Washington, DC; **Jeremy Rosen**, Director for Homelessness and Mental Health, Volunteers of America, Alexandria, VA, and **Ruth White**, Director for Housing and Homelessness, Child Welfare League of America, Washington, DC.*

#### **The School Readiness Project: Homelessness as an Indicator of School Readiness**

*Presenters: **Catherine Walsh**, Deputy Director, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT, Providence, RI; **Anita Moeller**, Director, Massachusetts Head Start–State Collaboration Project, and **Phil Baimas**, Director of Special Projects, Office of Child Care Services, Boston, MA.*

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# REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

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[www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org](http://www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org). We are encouraging on-line registration. If you are unable to register on-line you will be able to fax/mail your registration according to the information provided on the registration website. Conference cost is \$175. Early bird registration fee is \$150. CEU's will be available. Space is limited, so sign up early.

Questions? Email:

[conference@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org](mailto:conference@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org)



## HOTEL INFORMATION

The conference will take place at the Boston Marriott Newton. The hotel is located at 2345 Commonwealth Avenue in Newton, Massachusetts. It is less than ten miles from downtown Boston and approximately 30–45 minutes from Logan International airport. We have secured a hotel room rate of \$129.00 per night. You can contact the hotel at (617) 969-1000 to make your room reservations; make sure to mention the conference to get the discounted rate. You can also make reservations on-line at [www.newtonmarriott.com](http://www.newtonmarriott.com). Please enter the Group Code: HORHORA. You must enter arrival/departure dates between 4/26 and 4/28 in order for the reservation to work via the internet. You must book your room by April 13, 2005 to access the discounted rate.

## BOSTON INFORMATION

Home to the Boston Red Sox, 2004 World Series champions, Boston has much to offer everyone — sports fan or not! The Boston Marriott Newton is close to downtown Boston, where there are many restaurants, shops, famous sights and neighborhoods to explore! From the North End with its myriad of Italian restaurants, to Faneuil Hall and its many shops, Chinatown, and of course, the Freedom Trail, you will find much to do in Boston! For more information on Boston, please visit [www.newtonmarriott.com](http://www.newtonmarriott.com).



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